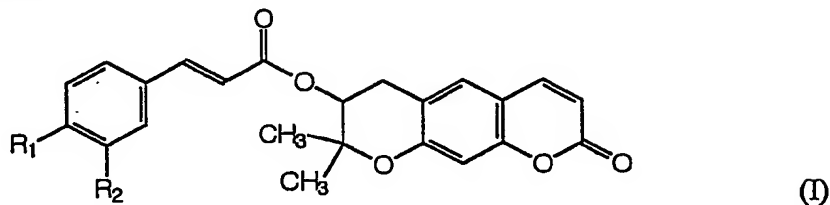


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

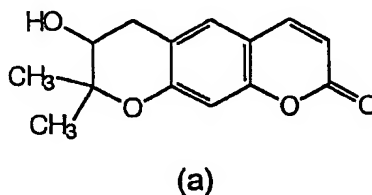
1. A pyranocoumarin derivative of the following general formula:



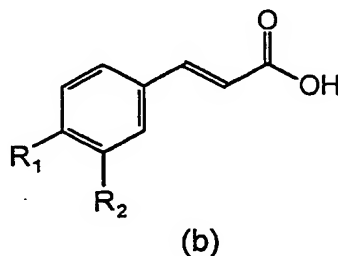
5 , wherein R₁ and R₂ each represent hydrogen or C₁₋₄alkoxy,
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. An agent for enhancing cognition, comprising the compound of the general formula
(I) as defined in Claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as an active
10 ingredient.

3. A process for preparing the compound of the general formula (I) as defined in Claim
1, comprising the step of esterifying decursinol of the following formula:

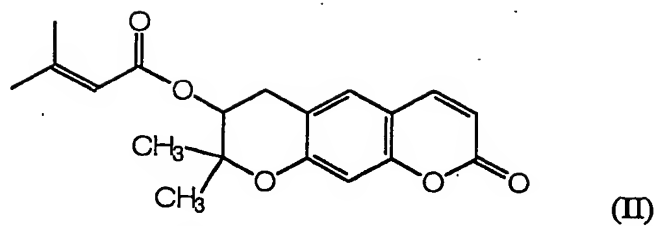


15 with a phenyl propanoid of the following general formula:



4. An agent for enhancing cognition, comprising decursin of the following formula:

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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient.

5. An extract of *Angelicae gigantis Radix*, comprising decursin of Claim 4.